DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC MEETING: July 15, 2009 at the Charles City County Government and School Board Administration Building Auditorium, 10900 Courthouse Road, Charles City, VA 23030. An afternoon public meeting will be held from 2-4pm and the evening public meeting from 6-8pm.

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Conservation and Recreation are presenting the final draft report of a study to restore water quality, a public comment opportunity, and two public meetings.

MEETING DESCRIPTION: Final public meetings on a study to restore water quality of the recreation/swimming use of Morris Creek which is impaired due to bacterial violations.

DESCRIPTION OF STUDY: Virginia agencies have been working to identify sources of the bacterial contamination in Morris Creek. This impairement spans approximately 7.73 stream miles in Charles City County. This stream is impaired for failure to meet the recreational (swimming) designated use because of bacterial water quality standard violations.

Stream	County	Impairment Length (mi)	Impairment
Morris Creek	Charles City	7.73	Recreational (swimming) Use

The study reports the current status of the Creek via sampling performed by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and the possible sources of bacterial contamination. The study recommends total maximum daily loads, or TMDLs, for the impaired Creek. A TMDL is the total amount of a pollutant a water body can contain and still meet water quality standards. To restore water quality, bacterial levels have to be reduced to the TMDL amount.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts written comments by e-mail, fax, or postal mail. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ during the comment period, which will expire on Thursday, August 13, 2009. DEQ also accepts written and oral comments at the public meeting announced in this notice.

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